GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSEUMS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up National Commission on Museums to review their current status;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have revised financial assistance scheme for regional and local museums;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds provided through this scheme to the museums during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the measures adopted to strengthen the local and regional museums ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) to (e) : The scheme for financial assistance for `Promotion & Strengthening of Regional & Local Museums` was revised during the year 1999. In the revised scheme, museums under the State Governments have been made eligible for financial assistance.Under this scheme, the funds released during the last 3 years and in the current year (till date), for
(i) renovation/ repairs/extension/modernization of galleries;
(ii) publication;
(iii) conservation laboratory;
(iv) museum library;
(v) purchase of equipment; and
(vi) documentation is as under:

Year	Amount released
1997-1998	Rs.56.38 lakhs
1998-1999	Rs.97.87 lakhs
1999-2000	Rs.164.30 lakhs
2000-2001	Rs. 33.30 lakhs (Till date)